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Mayor Charles Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance in unison, after which Pastor Dane Sinn of the Smith Valley Baptist Church offered the invocation.

PRESENT: Council members Bruce Armstrong, Ron Bates, Bill Bless, Ron Deer; John Gibson, Keith Hardin, Jessie Reed; Mayor Henderson; Clerk-Treasurer Jeannine Myers and City Attorney Shawna Koons-Davis.

Mr. Bates moved that the minutes of the regular session of July 5th be accepted as presented. Second by Mr. Hardin. Vote: Ayes (Abstain – Armstrong). The special session minutes of June 27th will be e-mailed and be on the next agenda.

Mayor Henderson told the Council that today he had the opportunity to meet with mayors from Israel and Palestine. There were to be ten mayors – six from Israel and four from Palestine – with two interpreters for the Hebrew language and two for Arabic. One of the mayors did not get to come to the United States as his city was one of the first hit in the recent bombings, and three mayors had to leave yesterday because their cities were near the fighting. The Mayor went on to describe the visit, stressing how the local government partnered with the private sector, and how the state and local government give incentives to companies (using Arbonne as our newest example) to locate here. The mayors toured the police facility and community center as well. After lunch they stopped in the City building and went on to the Police training facility. Councilmen Deer and Bates added comments from the visit as well – highlighting discussions on zoning and eminent domain. The mayors asked that Greenwood become a “sister city”. Mr. Deer also noted that the visiting mayors were trying to understand that we have multiple layers of government, but those multiple layers are not as cumbersome as their smaller layers.

Ms. Koons-Davis had distributed her litigation report. There were no questions from the Council.

Mr. Hardin reported for the Plan Commission – touching on the highlights of a lengthy meeting. There were just enough present for a quorum. The Duke property on State Road 135 had quite a bit of discussion. The majority of discussion was devoted to the thoroughfare plan. It will likely be introduced to the Council for consideration at the August 7th meeting, as counsel noted.

Mr. Gibson told the Council that the budget for Solid Waste Management will be discussed at their next meeting.

ORDINANCE No. 06-15 – An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory Within the Area of Extended Jurisdiction of the City of Greenwood, Indiana, Placing the Same Within the Corporate Boundaries Thereof and Making the Same a Part of the City of Greenwood and Redefining the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Greenwood, Indiana, Approximately 102 Acres Located West of Averitt Road, North of Cutsinger Road (commonly known as the City of Greenwood and Greenwood Community School Corporation Properties). At the request of the City Attorney, Mr. Bates moved to postpone first reading and public hearing until the August 21st meeting, as the Council did not act on first reading at the last meeting. Second by Mr. Hardin. Vote: Ayes. **FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST 21, 2006 MEETING.**

ORDINANCE No. 06-22 – An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory Contiguous to the City of Greenwood, Indiana, Placing the Same Within the Corporate Boundaries Thereof and Making the Same a Part of the City of Greenwood and Redefining the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Greenwood, Indiana,

Approximately 2.523 Acres Located at 3209 West Smith Valley Road, Commonly Known as the Taylor Property. **ORDINANCE No. 06-22 FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 6, 2006 MEETING.**

RESOLUTION No. 06-15 – A Resolution of the Greenwood Common Council to Adopt the Written Fiscal Plan For the Annexation of Approximately 2.523 Acres Located at 3209 West Smith Valley Road, Referencing Annexation Ordinance No. 06-22. Mr. Gibson moved to pass Resolution No. 06-15 on first reading. Second by Mr. Hardin. Vote: Ayes. **PASSED FIRST READING.**

ORDINANCE No. 06-11 – An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory Within the Area of Extended Jurisdiction of the City of Greenwood, Indiana, Placing the Same Within the Corporate Boundaries Thereof and Making the Same a Part of the City of Greenwood and Redefining the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Greenwood, Indiana, Approximately 10.76 Acres Located on the South Side of County Line Road and the East Side of Airport Parkway (commonly known as the J. Greg Allen & Assoc.; Newlin Properties, LLC; and Urology of Indiana Property). **SECOND READING POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST 7, 2006 MEETING.**

ORDINANCE No. 06-21 – An Ordinance Providing For an Additional Appropriation From the General Fund (\$10,000) to the Common Council for Payment to Johnson County Senior Services to Assist in the Provision of Services. Mr. Bates moved to pass Ordinance No. 06-21 through second reading. Second by Mr. Hardin. Vote: Ayes. **PASSED SECOND READING.**

Mayor Henderson opened the public hearing for final action confirming, modifying or rescinding Greenwood Common Council Resolution No. 06-14. As no one spoke, the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION No. 06-16 – A Resolution Confirming Resolution 06-14 The Declaration of Certain Real Property Improvements for Property Tax Abatement (SSI Properties, Inc.). Mr. Deer moved to pass Resolution No. 06-16 through second reading. Second by Mr. Bless. At the recommendation of the City Attorney, Mr. Hardin moved to correct the name to SSI Properties, LLC. Second by Mr. Bates. Vote: Ayes. **AMENDED.** Roll call on Resolution No. 06-16 as amended: Ayes. **PASSED AS AMENDED.**

ORDINANCE No. 06-23 – An Ordinance Amending the 2006 Salary Ordinance, Common Council Ordinance No. 05-12, Regarding the Police Department to Fund a Probationary Communications Officer. Mayor Henderson indicated that Chief Pitcher informed him that the funds are in his budget, but if a communications officer is replaced, it would be a probationary position. He understands that this was not spelled out in the salary ordinance. **INTRODUCED.**

Under miscellaneous business, Mr. Hardin referred to an article in the Indianapolis Star that described a device that helps the Lawrence police detect stolen vehicles and license plates. Apparently the cost is about \$25,000 and private donations helped Lawrence acquire two of these devices. Mr. Hardin proposed that a representative of our police department contact the Lawrence police department to discuss the successes and see if we could pick up some matching funds. The Mayor asked Deputy Chief Mike Wright to take this up with Chief Pitcher and have him bring a report to the Council.

Mr. Gibson asked for a check on the intersection at Graham and Main Street. He understands that the truckers are upset with drivers of four-wheel vehicles, and they are not giving trucks the right of way. Mayor Henderson asked the Deputy Chief to check on this. In response to Mr. Hardin, the Mayor stated that

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Arlington will be rebuilt all the way to County Line and traffic lights are already under discussion.

In response to Mr. Deer's question about trash pickup of styrofoam, the City Attorney said that our trash hauler is to pick up anything in a bag or in a trash receptacle. Mayor Henderson said that they would look into that. The contract is to be rebid this year, he said, and certain issues are being studied. The possibility of a contract by tonnage instead of number of bags is also being considered.

Mayor Henderson stated that the work on the streets in Valle Vista seems to be ahead of schedule. The bids for milling and overlay have been opened but the contract is not yet ready for execution. There will be a preconstruction meeting, but the work should be completed yet this year. Mr. Hardin asked that the Council be made aware of the schedule. The Mayor agreed to this.

Mayor Henderson told the Council that the American Cancer Society recognized the City of Greenwood for outstanding commitment, dedication and support for their Relay for Life 2006. The plaque will be on display downstairs.

Director of Planning, Zoning, Research and Development Ed Ferguson explained that they just filled the vacant position of Senior Planner late last week. Bill Peebles, currently the County Planning Director, will be joining the staff on Monday, August 21st.

The Council should have most of the department budgets. Most board budgets will probably be ready this week if they are not already. The budget for the Board of Public Works and Safety could not be completed until certain other budgets were completed that showed insurance and other areas of funding that are part of the Board of Works and Safety. In response to Mr. Hardin, Mayor Henderson told the Council that 3.73% has been figured into the budgets for all salary increases after studying the increases for several months. There are a couple of adjustments included. During the presentation from department heads, there will be a justification for those adjustments.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Charles E. Henderson, Mayor

Jeannine Myers, Clerk-Treasurer